

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**SATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**July 6, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Technical Committee (Voting Members):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Davis, Chair*	Sangamon County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick McCarthy, Vice Chair	Village of Chatham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Myers**	Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Alexander	Sangamon Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Molly Berns	Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nate Bottom	City of Springfield

\* Represented by Arlin Williams

\*\* Represented by Wes Clark

**Technical Advisors (Non-Voting Members):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Betsy Tracy	Federal Highway Administration: Illinois Division Office
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Wright	IDOT: District 6, Local Roads & Streets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Innis	IDOT: Office of Planning & Programming
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Laffey***	Illinois Commerce Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Boyle***	Springfield Airport Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>		IDOT: Office of Intermodal Project Implementation

**Others Present:**

SSCRPC Staff

Shannan Karrick

Jason Sass

Members of the Public

Brian Bond, CMT\*\*\*

\*\*\* Attendance via Zoom

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Arlin Williams called the meeting of the SATS Technical Committee to order at 8:31 AM.

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Williams asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 1, 2023, Technical Committee meeting. Molly Berns made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Nate Bottom seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**III. 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)**

No update.

**IV. FY 2023 – 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

**A. ST-U Projects Update**

- 1. Koke Mill Road: Old Jacksonville Road to Washington Street (TIP # 02-2020-06)**  
Nate Bottom reported that phase I of the project continues.
- 2. Iron Bridge Road Overpass and Woodside Road Underpass (TIP # 03-2009-05)**  
Arlin Williams stated that the project was scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>, but could not be awarded. Mr. Williams stated that they are currently reviewing the estimate and seeking additional funding to cover the difference.

**V. TECHNICAL ADVISOR UPDATES**

- A. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT): Office of Planning & Programming (OPP)**  
No report.
- B. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): IL Division Office**  
No report.
- C. Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**  
No report.
- D. IDOT District 6: Local Roads and Streets (LRS)**  
No report.
- E. Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)**  
No report.
- F. Springfield Airport Authority (SAA)**  
Ken Boyle reported that the Springfield Airport Authority had been awarded a grant for smart airports. Components of the grant include data gathering, an energy audit, asset management, advanced air planning, airport space planning, and regional logistical planning.

**VI. AGENCY UPDATES**

**A. Springfield-Sangamon Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC)**

Molly Berns reported that RPC staff are serving as a resource to IDOT with the Fall Planning Conference. Ms. Berns stated that she will be moderating an interagency panel on the HUB.

Shannan Karrick reported that staff continue to work on the FY 2024-2027 TIP and Central Area Parking Study. Ms. Karrick also noted that the FY 2022 crash data has been released and is available on the safety portal. The

**B. Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD)**

Michelle Alexander reported the following:

**Purchase four replacement alternative fuel buses (TIP # 06-2022-05) and**

**Purchase four replacement alternative fuel buses (TIP # 06-2023-01):**

Eight buses have been ordered.

**Land Acquisition(TIP # 06-2022-11):**

This project is currently in the NEPA process.

**Land Acquisition (TIP # 06-2023-07):**

This project is in the appraisal phase.

**Annual Network System Maintenance (TIP # 06-2022-13):**

**Annual Security System Maintenance (TIP # 06-2022-14):**

The contract has been awarded to replace tablets in the paratransit vans under these project numbers.

**C. City of Springfield**

Nate Bottom reported the following:

**Churchill Bridge Road (TIP # 02-2023-05):**

Construction is underway with completion anticipated in September 2023.

**Stanford Avenue (CH20): 11th Street to Fox Bridge Road (TIP # 02-2010-09):**

Sewer utility relocation is underway.

**Annual Street and Road Maintenance (TIP # 02-2023-02, 02-2023-3):**

Concrete work in preparation of an overlay is in progress on Ash Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

**MacArthur Boulevard at Williams Boulevard:**

A median will be constructed near Lincoln Park to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety.

**D. Sangamon County**

Arlin Williams reported the following:

**Sangamon Valley Trail South Extension (TIP # 03-2020-10):**

Phase IV of the project is underway and is working with a consultant on the Program Development Report.

**CH 31 from IL 54 within Village of Spaulding to Old State Highway 36 within the Village of Riverton (TIP # 03-2021-02):**

The project was let in June and appears to have received a rewardable bid.

**Springfield Sangamon County Transportation Center:**

The east side of the Hub is expected to be completed by late summer.

The County was unsuccessful in its application for a Federal Rail Administration's Rail Crossing Elimination Grant. Construction management value engineering is underway.

**E. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT): Region 4, District 6**

Wes Clark reported the following:

**MacArthur Boulevard: Wabash Avenue/Stanford Avenue to South Grand (TIP # 04-2020-07):**

Phase I is targeted for approval in 2023.

**I-55 BUS/IL 29 (Peoria Road) (TIP # 04-2023-09):**

Sidewalk pouring is underway and utility relocations continue. The project's completion is anticipated to wrap up before the start of the State Fair.

**Signal Timing on 9<sup>th</sup> Street at Adams Street:**

Wes Clark reported that the timing was reviewed and is within acceptable limits; however, a small change to allow more time for visitors to the county building to safely cross the street.

**F. Village of Chatham**

No report.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Public Information Meeting FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program**

No members of the public were present for the public information meeting. Shannan Karrick noted that Steven Simpson-Black had submitted comments (attached) which had been distributed for responses from the pertinent jurisdictions. Ms. Karrick further noted that the Woodside Road underpass and Iron Bridge Road overpass had been added to the 2024 work element with the necessary updates to the funding and performance measures tables. She further noted that no action was necessary as the Technical Committee had recommended approval last month, before the start of the public comment period.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution to Endorse Self-Certification Process**

Shannan Karrick introduced the Self-Certification document. She stated that the FHWA had requested the document be considered separately from the TIP, although it is included in the document each year.



RESOLUTION 2023-05

**CERTIFICATION OF THE  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SELF-CERTIFICATION PROCESS  
FOR THE SPRINGFIELD AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (SATS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Springfield Urbanized Area, established to conduct regional transportation planning for the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) in accordance with federal requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, 23 CFR 450.334 requires that the state and MPO certify, at least every four years, that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
2. In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
4. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
5. Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT-funded projects;
6. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
7. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
9. Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the SATS Technical Committee has voted to recommend the adoption of the METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SELF-CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR THE SPRINGFIELD AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (SATS).

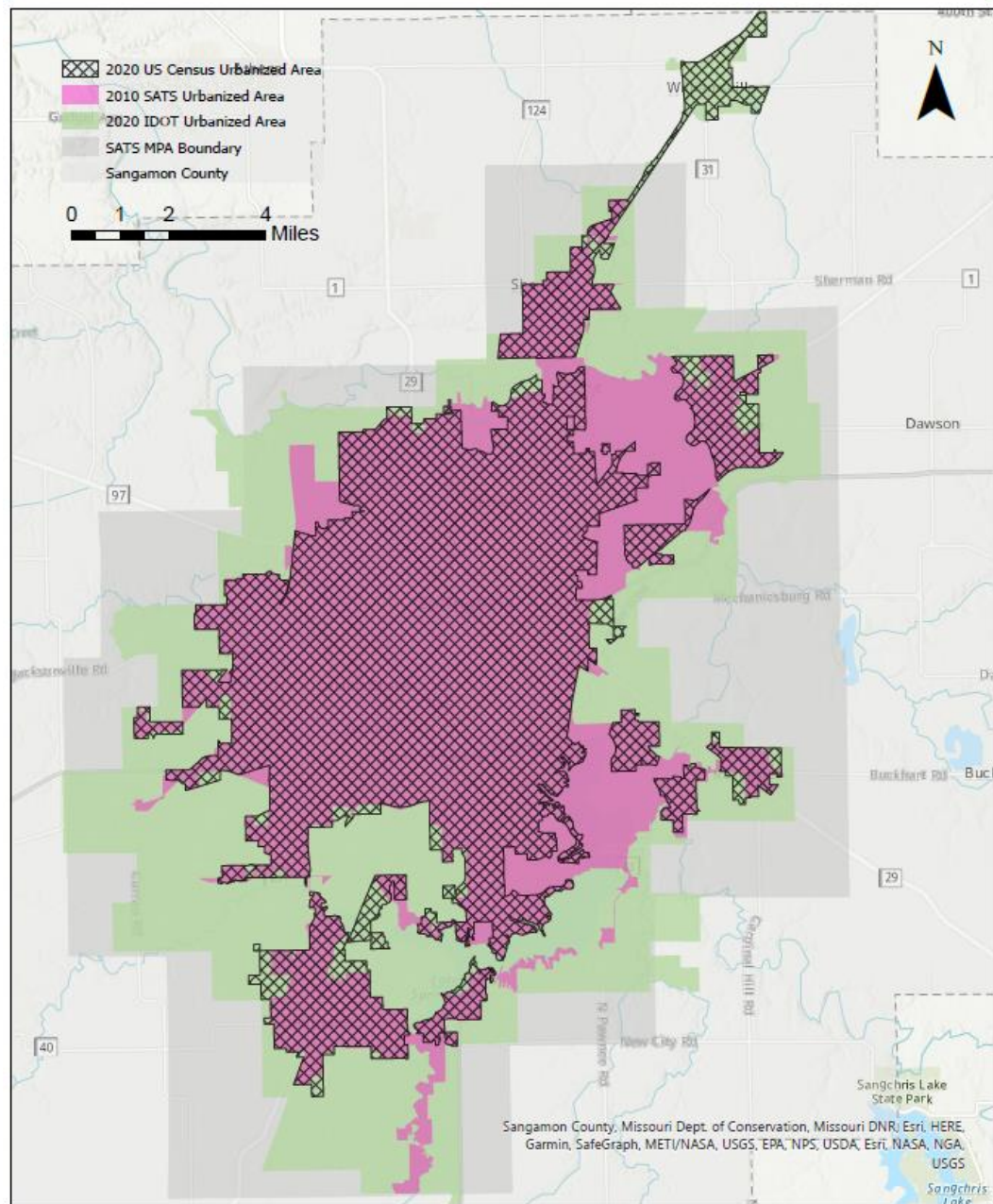
Dated this 6th day of July 2023.

ATTEST:   
Arlin Williams, Acting Chair  
SATS Technical Committee

Molly Berns made a motion to recommend approval of the document to the Policy Committee. Michelle Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. 2020 Draft Urban Areas**

## 2010-2020 US Census Urbanized Areas



Shannan Karrick reported that IDOT has released their proposed urban areas based on the 2020 Census. She presented the map depicting the 2020 Census and IDOT urban areas, noting that there are separate definitions for each of them. The 2010 urban area is provided for informational purposes. Shannan noted that Williamsville is now in the urban area and will become a SATS member. IDOT has requested that members review the map and submit any comments.

Betsy Tracy indicated that the discussion is regarding the urban area, which is “smoothed out” and based on USDOT criteria. Once this is approved, the new metropolitan planning area (MPA) will be determined with input from the metropolitan planning organization. The MPA will also include the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within the next 20 to 25 years.

Molly Berns noted that she was surprised the urban area had extended north to Williamsville, rather than to the west. She noted that the river and Rochester will limit growth to the east and Lake Springfield will inhibit growth south. Wes Clark stated that the improvements to IL 97/125 to the northwest may promote development and growth. Molly stated that she wanted to go on record noting where the population is expected to grow.

Betsy Tracy said that the urban areas are determined by the Census and smoothed out by IDOT, and anticipated changes are minimal. The MPO will have more control over the planning area and we will be able to include the areas where growth is expected in the next ten to twenty years.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Acting Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Molly Berns made a motion to adjourn. Michelle Alexander seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannan Karrick,  
Recording Secretary